

## CITY OF AMARILLO §

Mr. Shaw stated that within the last several months, illegal subdivision of property within Amarillo's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) has been a major issue. In several instances, property has been sold without access to a publically dedicated street. Mr. Shaw noted that the City of Amarillo regulates subdivision of property in the ETJ; however, a majority of property owners are unaware of this until a septic permit, address, or utility services are requested. Mr. Sanders questioned whether a lender could include information within the closing documents stating

property must be platted under certain circumstances? Mr. Shaw explained that in some instances, the property may be exempt from the City's platting requirements. Mr. Juba suggested creating standards for developments in the ETJ with a streamlined set of rules. Mr. Shaw noted that he spoke to several colleagues in other Texas Cities comparable to Amarillo's size regarding this issue. The responses included:

- 1) Property owners outside City Limits are encouraged to speak to County officials,
- 2) Enforcement is so difficult that subdivision regulations are enforced within a 2-mile radius instead of the allowable 5-mile radius,
- 3) City Staff was doing the best it can to follow State Law requirements.

ITEM 3: Review and discuss current Landscape Ordinance requirements

Mr. Shaw noted the purpose of the current landscape ordinance is to minimize watershed and improve community character as well as the quality of the environment. He explained that current requirements are determined by the total off-street parking area provided within non-residential uses. Drought tolerant living ground cover and trees are encouraged. Mr. Shaw provided a questionnaire concerning current landscaping standards and issues created by these standards. He stated that due to the minimal precipitation levels within the past two years, City officials are reviewing the current landscaping ordinance with a goal of maintaining community character while being water conscious.

ITEM 4: Public Forum: Comments from interested citizens on matters directly pertaining to City policies, programs or services

Mr. Juba asked for public comments. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

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Planning Director